

January 14, 2005

Mary Beth Gentleman Boston Office 617-832-1199 mgentleman@foleyhoag.com

#### **By Hand**

Ms. Mary L. Cottrell
Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re:

D.T.E. 03-128

Petition of New England Power Company

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

On behalf of Dominion Energy Salem Harbor, LLC, I enclose for filing in the above-referenced docket one original and six (6) copies of the Motion of Dominion Energy Salem Harbor, LLC to Substitute for USGen New England, Inc. as an Intervenor.

Kindly date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return same to our messenger.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Gentleman

Many Beth Dentter

MBG:jrd Enclosure

cc:

Selma Urman, Hearing Officer

Deidre Matthews, Director, Siting Division

William Febiger, Technical Director, Siting Division Jolette Westbrook, General Counsel, Siting Board

Amy Barad, Analyst, Siting Division

Marisa A. Sifontes, Esquire

Michael A. Fitzgerald, Director, Salem Harbor Station

Service List

FHBOSTON/1156745.1

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

#### D.T.E. 03-128

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents upon all persons below in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.05 and the procedural rules in this docket.

Dated at Boston this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

Mary Beth Gentleman Foley Hoag LLP 155 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02210 (617) 832-1199

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary Department of Telecommunications and Energy One South Station Boston, MA 02210

Selma Urman, Hearing Officer Department of Telecommunications and Energy One South Station Boston, MA 02110

### <u>Intervenors</u>

Paige Graening, Esquire National Grid USA Service Company 25 Research Drive Westborough, MA 01581

James A. Toomey, Esquire Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP 300 Crown Colony Drive Quincy, MA 02169

James G. Gilbert, Esquire City Solicitor, City of Salem 15 Front Street Salem, MA 01970

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

	)	
Petition of New England Power Company	)	
for Exemption of Electric Substation	)	
Additions from Zoning Ordinances	)	D.T.E. 03-128
of Salem, Massachusetts	)	
	j	

## MOTION OF DOMINION ENERGY SALEM HARBOR, LLC TO SUBSTITUTE FOR USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC. AS AN INTERVENOR

Now comes Dominion Energy Salem Harbor, LLC ("Dominion Salem Harbor") and moves that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") substitute Dominion Salem Harbor for USGen New England, Inc. ("USGenNE") as an intervenor in the above-captioned docket. In support of this motion, Dominion Salem Harbor respectfully states as follows:

- 1. Dominion Salem Harbor is a Virginia limited liability company with a principal place of business at 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia.
- 2. Effective January 1, 2005, title to the Salem Harbor Station ("Salem Harbor") was transferred from USGenNE to Dominion Salem Harbor.
- 3. On December 3, 2003, New England Power Company ("NEP"), the Petitioner in the instant docket, filed for an "exemption by the Department from the operation of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Salem, Massachusetts with respect to the construction and use of proposed additions to NEP's 115kV switchyard located at Salem Harbor Station." NEP Petition at 1.
- 4. On January 27, 2004, USGenNE filed a timely Petition for Leave to Intervene ("USGenNE Petition"). USGenNE stated that NEP owns equipment in the switchyard and

operates that equipment on USGenNE's land pursuant to an easement. USGenNE Petition at 2. USGenNE stated that it would be specifically affected by the outcome of this proceeding because the proposed project would be built on land which USGenNE owned in fee simple. *Id*.

5. The Department granted USGenNE's Petition as follows:

Since NEP is seeking a zoning exemption in order to undertake construction that will occur on property owned in fee by USGenNE, the Department finds that USGenNE has demonstrated that it is substantially and specifically affected by the proceeding. The Department therefore grants USGenNE's petition to intervene.

New England Power Company, D.T.E. 03-128, Hearing Officer Ruling on Petitions for Leave to Intervene Filed by the City of Salem, Massachusetts and USGen New England, Inc., February 11, 2004 at 2.

- 6. As the new owner of Salem Harbor, Dominion Salem Harbor has the same interest in fee simple in Salem Harbor that USGenNE had at the time its petition was granted. Moreover, no other party to this proceeding, including USGenNE, can adequately represent the interest recognized by the Department in granting USGenNE's Petition. Therefore, Dominion Salem Harbor is now the appropriate entity to protect that interest and should be substituted for USGenNE.
- 7. Dominion Salem Harbor is not seeking any change in schedule as a result of its substitution for USGenNE. The granting of this motion will, therefore, not adversely affect the interest of NEP in a speedy adjudication of its Petition, nor will it adversely affect the interest of any other party to this proceeding.
  - 8. USGenNE has assented to the proposed substitution.
  - 9. NEP and the City of Salem have also assented to the proposed substitution.

Therefore, Dominion Salem Harbor respectfully requests that the Department substitute Dominion Salem Harbor for USGenNE as an intervenor in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

### DOMINION ENERGY SALEM HARBOR, LLC

By its attorneys,

Mary Beth Gentleman

Pat A Commodel:

Pat A. Cerundolo Foley Hoag LLP

155 Seaport Boulevard

Boston, MA 02210

(617) 832-1000

FHBOSTON/1156399.1

Dated: January 14, 2005